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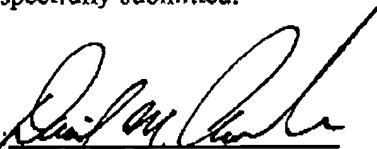
Claims 1-3 and 6-38 are currently pending. As initial matters, Applicants thank the Examiner for (i) indicating that these claims are allowable, subject to the correction of typographical errors and the submission of a terminal disclaimer to obviate a non-statutory obviousness-type double-patenting rejection premised on commonly owned, related U.S. patent no. 6,678,556, and (ii) the reminders to (a) provide unmarked and consolidated versions of the PTO/SB/08 forms containing the prior art listings for inclusion on the face page of the issued patent and (b) update the "Related Applications" section of the specification. Herein, the necessary amendment to claim 3 (to correct claim dependence) has been made, as have non-substantive amendments to claims 11, 22, and 33. None of these amendments is made for reasons related to patentability, and in any event each of them is fully supported by the specification and claims as originally filed, and none of them adds new matter. For the record, Applicants reserve the right to pursue in another filing inventive subject matter described in the specification but no longer or not yet claimed herein or in a related application or issued patent.

Herewith Applicants also include a terminal disclaimer executed by Applicants' undersigned attorney of record, thereby obviating the non-statutory obviousness-type double-patenting rejection.

As for information related to Information Disclosure Statements, Applicants include herewith unmarked and consolidated versions of the PTO/SB/08 forms containing the prior art listings for inclusion on the face page of the issued patent. Applicants have also amended the first paragraph of the specification to update the "related applications" information. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims, as amended, which claims should be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants earnestly solicit prompt issuance of a notice to such effect. Of course, if any issue remains outstanding that may be addressed without the need for an additional formal action and response thereto, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned in order to resolve such issue(s).

Respectfully submitted.

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